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SUBJ: W/W CASE OF ROBERT BUCHANAN AND SAMUEL SCOTT

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1. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ADVISE TIME LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN AIR TICKET AND FUNDS TRANSFER, AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND NAME OF AIRLINE/TRAVEL AGENCIES IN CALI THAT ARE INVOLVED. SUBJECTS IN PRECARIOUS SITUATION WITH LOCAL ROOMING HOUSE WHICH WILL PROBABLY EVICT THEM TOMORROW IF THEY CANNOT PAY BILL.

2. LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN'S SOCIETY LENT SUBJECTS 2000 PESOS (67 DOLLARS) ON JUNE 20, PART OF WHICH SUBJECTS IMMEDIATELY USED TO PAY OUTSTANDING DEBTS. REST OF MONEY LOST IN CONFUSION RESULTING FROM THEIR CHECKING LX TO LUXURY HOTEL AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT ARREST. NO SUSTENANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE LOCALLY AND SUBJECTS CANNOT PAY FOR MEALS.

3. SUBJECT BUCHANAN CALLED BROTHER AT WORK COLLECT FROM CONSULATE ON JUNE 25, BUT BROTHER REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHARGES. POST CONCERNED FAMILY ASSISTANCE AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL IS LUKEWARM, AND MAY ARRIVE TOO LATE TO FORESTALL FURTHER LODGING/SUSTENANCE CRISIS. COLOMBIAN BANKS WILL BE CLOSED FROM NOON JUNE 27 THROUGH JUNE 30. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP STATED FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND INFORM CONSULATE OF PROGRESS. IF FAMILY ARRANGEMENTS FALL THROUGH, REPATRIATION LOAN WILL BE REQUIRED. KERR
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